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| Application Number 10/705,566   |   | Filed Novemb                 | er 11, 2003         | JUL 1 7 2007  |  |
| For NIOBIUM-ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES OR THEIR PARTS  |   |                              |                     |   |  |
| Art Unit 1742   |   | Examiner Christopher Kessler |                     |   |  |
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